

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

ABSENT None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held at Tuesday, July 31, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request from Edward Godwin to have the annual Operation Claus motorcycle parade and toy drive in LaSalle on Sunday, October 7, 2012 is granted. The parade will depart from 516 1st St, and First Street will be blocked off from Wright Street to Bucklin between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. to allow for the staging of parade. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the request for funding from the United Way of the IL Valley is denied.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the city start the legal process regarding annexation and potential rezoning including planning commission consideration of the Richard H. Kotecki a/k/a Boulevard Bank premises

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the city start the legal process regarding annexation and potential rezoning including planning commission consideration of the Gerald F. and Michael H. Cleer Premises.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the City start the process regarding potential rezoning including planning commission consideration regarding the Investment Planning, Inc. premises presently under consideration for annexation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the city start the process regarding potential rezoning including planning commission consideration regarding the Carus Corporation premises presently under consideration for annexation.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Building Inspectors' Report for July 2012 showing total value of construction of \$640,520.00 and total fees collected of \$3,675.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing motor fuel tax allotment for July 2012 of \$20,455.21 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue Reports showing sales tax for May 2012 of \$81,553.73 and referendum approved sales tax of \$34,605.88 for a total of \$116,158. 61 are accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

BIDS

Engineer Furlan reported that bids for the City of LaSalle Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program, 2012 were opened and the apparent low bid was from Cruz Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$67,749.07. That amount was below his estimate and he recommended that the project be awarded to Cruz Concrete. Other estimates were received from Len Trovero Construction for \$90,053.40 and from Ladzinski Cement Finishing for \$69,522.60. Therefore, moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the Annual Sidewalk Replacement Program for 2012 be awarded to the low bidder, Cruz Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$67,749.07.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

BIDS: 2012 Sidewalk Replacement Program
Len Trovero Construction \$90,053.40
Ladzinski Cement Finishing Co. \$69,522.60
Cruz Concrete, Inc. \$67,749.07

STANDING COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Board of Fire and Police Commission's recommendation to promote Sgt. Michael Smudzinski to the rank of Lieutenant from the Eligibility list is accepted, and at the recommendation of Police Chief Rob Uranich, Michael Smudzinski is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Police Department of the City of LaSalle.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dir./Supt. McNeilly said that 5 bids for the LaSalle Retaining Wall Construction Program were received with Illinois Constructors Corporation being the low bidder at \$1,890,000.22. The city has been approved for an additional \$363,298.00 in IKE CDBG Disaster Recovery Funds for the LaSalle Retaining Wall Construction Program. The funds should become available in December 2012. Our grant total is now \$2,175,353.00. Supt. McNeilly said that two gentlemen from the engineering firm selected for the project, were present to answer questions. Andy Mrowicki, Vice President of HR Green and Mr. Jereb, Engineer said they were comfortable with Illinois Constructors Corporation. They have worked with that company previously and have found them to be a quality company, and they recommended that the bid be accepted in the best interests of the City.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council approves awarding the IKE Grant contract for construction of the retaining wall for the old wastewater treatment plant to the low bidder, Illinois Constructors Corporation, in the amount of \$1,890,000.22.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

<u>BIDS: Retaining Wall Construction Program</u>	
Illinois Constructors Corp.	\$1,890,000.22
Leander Construction, Inc.	\$1,962,176.90
Whittaker Const. & Excavation	\$2,048,444.12
Len Trovero Construction	\$2,120,447.47
John Pohar & Sons, Inc.	\$2,197,428.82

Mayor Grove thanked all those involved with the project, beginning with the selection of the Engineering Firm and now accepting the bids to move forward with the project. He thanked those involved in the grant process and the work to make the project come to reality.

Supt. McNeilly wanted the council to know that the work on the clarifier at the old waste water treatment plant has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Ptak said that the Finance Committee discussed the 15 electrical accounts of the City that are too large to qualify for the residential aggregation program. The city asked Rock River Energy get bids from suppliers for those 15 accounts. Those four bids received were reviewed by the Finance Committee and the committee recommended that the city go with Exelon Energy for a three year contract. The city should save approximately \$72,000.00 by doing this.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the city selects Exelon Energy as supplier for a 3-year term for the 15 accounts.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Lavieri pointed out that it was advantageous for the city to remain with Ameren for several other accounts involved in our franchise agreement.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council accepts and places on file the Letter of Understanding between the City of LaSalle and LaSalle Rotary Park Foundation. Each and every alderman has a copy. This pertains to the fundraising arm of the Rotary Park Foundation to clarify naming rights.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that authorization is given for the Mayor, City Attorney and Fire Chief to further negotiate an agreement with Vitas for the ambulance transfers of Hospice patients and related matters. The final draft of the agreement will be presented to the council for approval.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Herndon said he wanted to recognize Economic Development Director Don Aleksy for all the work he did toward the Matthiessen School demolition. Mr. Aleksy was also involved with the work toward the Ancare Veterinary Hospital, Doctor Monroe's building and the Dollar General business. Alderman Herndon thanked the Mayor for creating that position and he said he though Mr. Aleksy has done an excellent job in that position. Mr. Aleksy was applauded.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2367: Ordinance Superseding all Prior Ordinances Regarding Open Burning within the City of LaSalle is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY: Alderman Bacidore, Herndon. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2367: Ordinance Superseding all
Prior Ordinances Regarding Open Burning
within the City of LaSalle**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak that Ordinance No. 2368: Ordinance Regarding Lease of Municipal Property (2-year lease with Gene Anderson for city right-of-way at 222 3rd Street) is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**Ordinance No. 2368: Ordinance Regarding
Lease of Municipal Property (2-year lease with
Gene Anderson for city right-of-way at 222 3rd
Street)**

**Lease: 2-year lease of city right-of-way at 222
3rd St to Gene Anderson of Designs and Signs**

COMMENTS

Joanne Milby announced that this Saturday, August 18th is the 5th Annual Boo Milby 5K Memory Run will be held at Baker Lake in Peru. On Sunday the 19th, the Walk to End Alzheimer will also be held at Baker Lake starting at 1:00 P.M. at Baker Lake.

Supt. Sam McNeilly said some roads have failed recently and will be fixed soon.

Alderman Demes gave a reminder that the next French Canal Market is August 24th at the LaSalle State Bank parking lot. Also, the Farmers Market continues every Tuesday afternoon at Hegeler Park.

Mayor Grove thanked the swimming pool staff for a good summer. There were no issues with the pool this year, and this year the pool paid for itself.

7:31 P.M. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the council recesses the regular meeting and goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and related matters

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and related matters.

8:22 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$1,313,053.88 (Payroll \$148,520.39; bills to be paid \$39,929.53 bills paid \$1,124,603.96) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMNENT

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore at the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNED 8:23 P.M.

Virginia Kochanowski Clerk